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SUBJ: SECVISIT -- TRANSCRIPT OF GERMAN TV INTERVIEW OF SECRETARY,
OSLO, MAY 21

BELOW IS UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION FROM GERMAN OF INTERVIEW
OF SECRETARY KISSINGER BY GERMAN TV FOLLOWING QUADRIpartite
MEETING, OSLO, MAY 21, 1976:

QUESTION: AT THE NATO CONFERENCE, IT HAS BEEN EMPHASIZED
THAT THE THREAT IS THROUGH THE ARMING BY THE SOVIETS. ON
THE OTHER SIDE, YOU HAVE SAID THAT AMERICA RELIES ON THE
ALLIANCE. WHICH IS CORRECT?

THE SECRETARY: BOTH ARE CORRECT. WE ARE OF THE OPINION
THAT WE ARE IN THE POSITION TO MAINTAIN THE BALANCE OF
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POWER AND TO FIND THE MEANS TO PREVENT THE SOVIET

UNION FROM COMMITTING MILITARY FORCES TO POLITICAL ENDS.
AND ALTHOUGH THE SOVIET MILITARY DEVELOPMENT OF WEAPONS
IS ADVANCED, WE TRUST THAT WE CAN PRESERVE THE SECURITY
OF THE WEST.

QUESTION: IS THE BALANCE OF POWER NOW AT HAND?

THE SECRETARY: THE BALANCE OF POWER IS NOW IN FORCE, AND
WE MUST MAKE GREATER EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN THE BALANCE IN
THE NEXT TEN YEARS. WE HAVE THE CAPABILITY, AND WIL WILL
DO IT.

QUESTION: DR. KISSINGER, A LAST QUESTION. THE SOUTHERN
FLANK OF NATO IS WEAKENED FOR THE MOMENT. THE NORTH IS
ALSO NOT AS STRONG AS IT SHOULD BE. WHAT SIGNIFICANCE
DOES THIS HAVE FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC?

THE SECRETARY: OUR RELATIONSHIP TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC
IS VERY CLOSE AND WE WORK TOGETHER IN COMPLETE TRUST.
I BELIEVE THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC, AS WELL AS WE, SEE OUR
SECURITY WITHIN THE NATO ALLIANCE AND NOT AS A BILATERAL
ALLIANCE BETWEEN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC AND THE US, SO WE
HAVE A CLOSE FRIENDSHIP WITH THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC AND A
CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITHIN THE NATO ALLIANCE.

QUESTION: SO YOU DON'T BELIEVE A SORT OF "AXIS"
BETWEEN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC AND THE U.S. SHOULD COME
ABOUT TO STRENGTHEN THE ALLIANCE?

THE SECRETARY: I DON'T THINK THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC
WANTS THAT, AND I DON'T THINK IT'S NECESSARY, ALTHOUGH
WE WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE THAT WE HAVE THE STRONGEST
BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC WITHIN
THE ALLIANCE.

QUESTION: ISN'T THERE A DISTRUST ON THE SIDE OF THE
FRENCH OF AN OVERLY CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GERMANY
AND WASHINGTON?

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THE SECRETARY: WE HAVE WELCOMED THE FACT THAT THE
FRENCH HAVE FULFILLED THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS OF CONVENTIONAL
WEAPONS.

QUESTION: MR. KISSINGER, YOU HAVE TODAY SPOKEN OF
IDEOLOGY IN SOVIET POLICY AS AN ACTIVE FACTOR, AND YOU
SAID THAT IT COULD BE HARD TO RECONCILE ITS AGGRESSIVENESS
WITH COEXISTENCE. WHAT CAN THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE DO TO

COUNTER THIS AGGRESSIVITY?

THE SECRETARY: WE MUST INSIST THAT ALL GREAT POWERS HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY FOR SELF RESTRAINT TO EXERCISE AND THAT WE CANNOT PERMIT THE THREATENING OF THE COEXISTENCE OF THE STATES, ON THE ONE HAND, AND ON THE OTHER, A CLASS STRUGGLE IN THE WHOLE WORLD IN THE FORM OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. THESE TWO PURPOSES OF SOVIET POLICY CANNOT BE RECONCILED.

QUESTION: YOU ALSO SAID THAT SOMETHING LIKE ANGOLA MUSTN'T HAPPEN AGAIN. WHAT CAN THE ALLIANCE DO?

THE SECRETARY: FIRST, WE MUST UNDERSTAND THAT WE HAD THE MILITARY CAPABILITY TO PREVENT ANGOLA. THE REASONS WE DIDN'T DO IT WERE OF AN INTERNAL NATURE INSIDE THE ALLIANCE AND INSIDE THE U.S. AND WHERE THE U.S. IS CONCERNED, WE HAD A RESPONSIBILITY TO SEE THAT OUR PEOPLE UNDERSTOOD WHAT WAS AT STAKE AND THEN TO UNDERSTAND THE MILITARY POSSIBILITIES. WE DON'T WANT TO INTRODUCE THE COLD WAR INTO AFRICA. WE WANT AFRICA TO BE DEVELOPED BY THE AFRICANS, AND WE WANT ALL POWERS TO STAY OUT OF MILITARY INVOLVEMENTS THERE. WE'RE READY TO DO SO.

QUESTION: HOW WILL DETENTE, WITH REGARD TO THE SOVIET UNION, BE CONTINUED IN EUROPE?

THE SECRETARY: THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO NEGOTIATE. IN 1977, IN BELGRADE, THERE WILL BE A CONFERENCE. WE'RE IN IT AND SO IS THE SOVIET UNION. THERE ARE MANY PLACES AND WAYS WE CAN DISCUSS THIS. AND WE ARE PREPARED TO GO A LONG WAY TOWARD DETENTE.
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